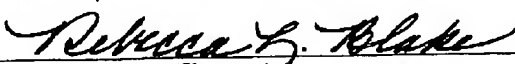






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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2004. It is submitted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Format according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, effective July 30, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application to place the case in better condition for allowance.

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Claim 16 has been withdrawn from consideration, claims 1 and 15 have been amended, and claims 17 and 18 have been added, leaving claims 1-15, 17, and 18 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. The claims have been amended as explained in the Remarks section. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

[There are no amendments to the specification.]